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1. U.S. COVERAGE:

--FEB 9 PRAVDA CARRIES AN ACCOUNT BY ITS NY CORRESPONDENT OF THE SENSATION AUSED IN THE US, AMONG WHITES AND BLACKS ALIKE, OF THE TELEVISED DRAMATIZATION OF "ROOTS." ARTICLE'S THEME -- FROM ITS SUGGESTIVE TITLE "ROOTS AND SHOOT" TO ITS CONCLUDING SENTENCE -- IS THAT THE STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM BY US BLACKS IS FAR FROM OVER AND IS, INDEED, ONLY BEGINNING. LIKE AN ECHO, AN ITEM IN LITGAZ FEB 9 DESCRIBES "THE WANTON AND UNPUNISHED KILLINGS OF YOUNG BLACKS" BY AMERICAN POLICE. THE RELATED THEME OF AMERICAN ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION OF MINORITIES IS TREATED BY FEB 8 IZVESTIYA, WHICH DESCRIBES ILLEGAL MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS WORKING FOR LOW WAGES IN THE US. THE NEGATIVE PORTRAYAL OF US LIFE ALSO INCLUDES:

--FURTHER REVELATIONS (IZVESTIYA) OF BRIBERY OF AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN AND OTHER OFFICIALS BY SOUTH KOREAN AGENTS;

--THE VENALITY OF THE AMERICAN PRESS (LITGAZ), WHICH CAN BE BOUGHT AND SOLD IF THE PRICE IS RIGHT, AS DEMONSTRATED IN THE SALE OF THE NY POST TO THE MURDOCH PUBLISHING EMPIRE;

--THE PROLIFERATION OF ADVERTISING ON US TELEVISION (LITGAZ), AND

--PRAVDA'S VIEW THAT WITH THE NOMINATION OF ADM. TURNER AS CIA DIRECTOR, THAT POST IS CAPTURED BY THE MILITARY-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX. BY COMPARISON, SORESENSEN LOOKS GOOD TO PRAVDA.

2. MIDEAST:

--IZVESTIYA COMMENTARY BY V. BORISOV CRITICIZES INCREASED US MILITARY ACTIVITY IN HE PERSIAN GULF AND THE NEAR OIL-PRODUCING STATES. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SULTAN OF OMAN'S REPORTED PERMISSION FOR US FORCES TO USE MASIRAH IS "A NEW SOURCE OF TENSIONS IN THIS REGION." AND KZ CARRIES TASS WASHINGTON REPORT THAT US P-3 AIRCRAFT WERE LANDING AT MASIRAH AND THAT THE USG WAS CONSIDERING TAKING OVER THE BASE WHEN THE BRITISH LEAVE.

--PRAVDA CARRIES A LONG, FAIRLY ROUTINE COMMENTARY ON LDCS AND MULTI-NATIONAL COROPORATIONS, BY E. OBMINSKY (SEPTTEL).

--KZ CARRIES TASS WASHINGTON REPORT OF VANCE-DINITZ MEETING AFTER WHICH DINITZ REPORTEDLY STATED HE WAS IN NO DOUBT THAT ALL COMMITMENTS OF FORD ADMINISTRATION ON ARMS TRANSFERS WOULD BE FILLED AND THAT OVERALL AMOUNT WOULD INCREASE FROM \$1.5 TO \$1.8 MILLION.

3. EUROPE:

--CENTRAL PRESS HAS NUMEROUS ARTICLES ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN WEST, LEADING WITH DETAILED ACCOUNTS OF ULSTER PROBLEMS AND CHARGES AGAINST GREAT BRITAIN IN STRASBOURG IN ALL PAPERS.

--CHARTER 77 GETS ATTENTION IN ALL THREE PAPERS, WICH PRINT TASS PRAGUE REPLAY OF SPEECH BY CZECH PARTY SECRETARY V. BILYAK (PHON), USING STANDARD LINE ABOUT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WESTERN "CAMPAIGN". PRAVDA ALSO HAS AUSTRIAN CP CHAIRMAN'S ATTACK ON CAMPAIGNERS AS DEFENDERS OF SOLZHENITSYN, OF DICTATORSHIP IN SPAIN AND CHILE, AND OF US AGGRESSION IN VIETNAM.

--IZVESTIYA AND PRAVDA ANNOUNCE VISIT OF SOVIET PARTY DELEGATION LED BY CC SECRETARY KAPITNONOV TO PRAGUE TO DISCUSS "PARTY ORGANIZATION" AFFAIRS.

4. AFRICA:

--PRAVDA'S COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN BY MIKHAIL ZENOVICH GIVES FAVORABLE APPRAISAL OF RESULTS OF FRELIMO CONGRESS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF TAZANIAN UNITED REVOLUTIONARY PARTY.
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